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SUBJ: PRESIDENT AHIDJO SPEAKS ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. ON JUNE 14 PRESIDENT AHIDJO DELIVERED HIS ANNUAL BUDGET
SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. IN HIS ADDRESS HE MADE A
NUMBER OF COMMENTS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHICH ARE
HEREWITH PROVIDED IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE PRESIDENCY.

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2. "ALONGSIDE OUR NATION-BUILDING EFFORT AT HOME, WE HAVE
ALSO CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE CAMEROON'S QUOTA TO AFRICAN AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS SPHERE, LAST YEAR, AS IN THE
PREVIOUS YEARS, WE CONTINUED TO ASSERT THE CAMEROONIAN
PERSONALITY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE POLICY OF NATIONAL
INDEPENDENCE, NON-ALIGNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND
SOLIDARITY.

3. "EFFORTS TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN MADE IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS AND IN VARIOUS AREAS.

4. "IN AFRICA, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE THROUGH NUMEROUS PERIODICAL OR AD HOC ENCOUNTERS AT VARIOUS LEVELS THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD WHICH EXIST BETWEEN US AND OUR NEIGHBOURS.

5. "WE WERE WORRIED BY THE OBSTINACY OF THE DEFENDERS OF THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE ILLEGAL AUTHORITIES OF ZIMBABWE HAVE CONTINUED TO BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH WHILE REFUSING TO TIE THE LINE OF WISDOM AND REALITY WHICH CONSISTS IN ACCEPTING THE DEMOCRATIC RULE OF GOVERNMENT BY THE MAJORITY.

6. "IN NAMIBIA, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS AND THE REPEATED CONDEMNATIONS BY THE UN, THE RACIST REGIME OF PRETORIA HAS CONTINUED TO SHOW ITS TRUE NATURE, NAMELY, THAT OF INJUSTICE AND IRRATIONALITY.

7. "THERE AGAIN, WOULD THE WISEST SOLUTION IN A NEW FOUND CLIMATE OF PEACE AND CONFIDENCE NOT CONSIST IN GIVING THE BLACK MAJORITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS POLITICAL MATURITY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS WHICH SHOULD LEAD THIS UN TERRITORY IN ITS ENTIRETY TO NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.
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8. "IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DUTY OF CAMEROON WHICH MADE ITS MODEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE AND REMAINS THE UNFLINCHING SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS UNDER THE BANNER OF SWAPO.

9. " IN THE SAME LINE OF THOUGHT, CAMEROON STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE REPEATED MASSACRES OF INNOCENT BLACK PEOPLE IN AZANIA, VICTIMS OF APARTHEID AND THE AUTHORITIES OF PRETORIA. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC RULE OF ONE MAN ONE VOTE TO THE PEOPLE OF AZANIA AS WELL AS TO THOSE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.

10. " WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, OUR FEARS ARE FAR FROM BEING ALLAYED. THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DECLARE THAT CAMEROON CONDEMNS FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA WHICH, IN FACT, AIMS AT DESTABILIZING AFRICAN STATES IN ORDER TO SET THE SCENE OF CHAOS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR STRUGGLES OF HEGEMONY.

11. "THE DESTABILIZATION OF OUR CONTINENT WOULD BRING TO

NOUGHT THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF OUR COUNTRIES WHICH ARE STILL VERY POOR AND DULY ASPIRE TO THE BENEFITS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

12. "AFRICA MUST REMAIN AN OASIS OF PEACE FOR ITS SONS TO MAKE VITAL PROGRESS. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, AFRICAN STATES MUST SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERFERENCE, RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY OF STATES AS WELL AS THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE TO FREELY DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OPTIONS.

13. "THIS WILL BE OUR STAND IN THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FEW DAYS IN KHARTOUM (SUDAN) WHERE MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, WE
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WILL REASSERT OUR BELIEF IN THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND LASTLY, IN THE SETTLEMENT OF AFRICAN CONFLICTS BY AFRICANS THEMSELVES.

14. "ASSERTING OUR PERSONALITY AND SAFEGUARDING OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ARE HARMOIOUSLY COMPLEMENTARY TO INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND CO-OPERATION.

15. " IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE CONTINUED WITH THE FIRM SUPPORT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AND RESOURCES, TO REINFORCE OUR BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND THE ARAB WORLD ON THE ONE HAND AND WITH EUROPE, AMERICAN AND ASIA ON THE OTHER HAND.

16. " THIS EFFORT IS REFLECTED IN THE ECONOMIC WEEKS WE ARE NOW ORGANIZING ABROAD AS WELL AS IN THE LOAN AGREEMENTS RECENTLY SIGNED WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE REALIGNMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF THE DOUALA-YAOUNDE RAILWAY LINE WHICH IS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR FIRM DETERMINATION TO ACCOMPLISH OUR PRIORITY PROJECTS.

17. "IN GENERAL, WE SPARE NO EFFORT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES, TO ENSURE THAT OUR BILATERAL AND MULITALATERAL CO-OPERATION IS EVER MORE DYNAMIC AND FRUITFUL, IN VARIOUS AREAS AND IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF OUR PEOPLES.

18. "WE HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO SUPPORT UN PEACE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THE MIDDLE EAST ESPECIALLY, WE SUPPORT, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE, ANY PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND ON THE
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RESTITUTION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES.

19. "WE HAVE IN THE SAME VEIN ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO GUARANTEE COMPLETE AND SUPERVISED DISARMAMENT.

20. "TODAY, IN FACT, THERE IS NOT ONLY A MAD RUSH FOR THE MOST SOPHISTICATED TYPES OF WEAPONS AMONG THE BIG POWERS BUT ALSO A DISTURBING TRADE IN ARMS WHOSE CONSUMERS ARE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PRESSING NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

21. "CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS WERE MADE AT THE RECENT UN EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT. WE HOPE THAT THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO, LIKE OURSELVES, THINK THAT IT IS MORE SALUTORY TO ENGAGE IN A COMMENDABLE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND DISEASE RATHER THAN IN A RACE TOWARD THE OBVIOUS ANNIHILATION OF THE WHOLE OF MANKIND, WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS."

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